[English]

Border Area Development Programme

4965. COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for the Border Area Development Programme, Rajasthan during the last three years and the total amount spent on the programme and the amount surrendered;

(b) the break down and percentage of funds spent on the water supply, roads, health, electricity and on infrastructure to achieve the total literacy;

(c) whether the funds have been spent strictly as per the guidelines, priority and requirement of local population;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any agency monitoring the progress of works for development of border area and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the elected representatives are co-opted or associated for the identification and prioritisation of works; and

(g) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The funds allocated/released and expenditure incurred by Government of Rajasthan under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) during 1993-94 to 1995-96 are as under:

Year	Amount Allocated/ Released	Expenditure
		(Rupees in lakhs)
1993-94	1905.74	Nil
1994-95	2044.00	1527.36
1995-96	2563.00	2428.08
Total:	6512.74	3955.44

(b) The Sector-wise progress of the Programme is not monitored by the Planning Commission.

(c) and (d) The schemes are implemented with the approval and as per priority set by the Screening Committee constituted in each State as per guidelines of the Planning Commission.

(e) The concerned State Government undertakes monitoring of the progress of work of the Programme. The Planning Commission also periodically reviews the progress. The review of the Programme is also made by the Empowered Committee.

(f) and (g) No, Sir.

U.N. Convention

4966. SHRI PINAKI MISHRA:
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN Convention against the torture and inhuman degrading treatment or punishment has been adopted by India;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken for its adoption; and

(c) whether it finds a place in the Minimum Common Programme of the UF Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) This issue was discussed in the Chief Ministers' Conference held on 5th May, 1995. Most of the Chief Ministers were either not in favour of India becoming a signatory to the Convention or were in favour with reservation on certain claues of the Convention.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Diversification of Caprolactum

4967. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL
SHRI P.C. CHACKO

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the import duty of Caprolactum is being reduced in the recent Budget which is affecting the indigenous units manufacturing caprolactum and some factories in the public sector including FACT at Cochin are facing a crisis situation as a result thereof; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed by Government to save these units from closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) As part of the over all policy measures, customs duty on various items have been reduced over the last few years. In keeping with the above policy and the recommendation of the Committees of Experts, in the budget for 1996-97, customs duty on caprolactum has been reduced from 45% to 30%.

On account of reduction in customs duty, domestic caprolactum manufacturers may have to face stiffer competition from imports. However petro-chemical products are not covered under any administered price control system therefore, their prices may have to be determined by market forces keeping in view the demand supply position.

Wagon Utilisation

4968. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA
SHRI RAM SAGAR
SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wagon utilisation on the broad guage was not put to optimum utilisation consequent to which the loss was suffered by the Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons for not fully utilising the wagon capacity on the broad gauge by the Railways;

(c) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General and others Consultative and Advisory bodies had recommended for making the optimum use of wagon capacity; and

(d) if so the steps proposed to be taken to put the wagons to optimum utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) Comptroller and Auditor General of India in their report for the year 1995 has commented upon the wagon utilisation on Indian Railways for the period 1990-91 to 1993-94. Year wise details from 1990-91 to 1995-96 in respect of wagon utilisation indices viz., NTKM/wagon day, wagon Kilometer/wagon day and wagon turnaround are as under:

Year	NTKM/wagon day	%Variation	Wagon Km./ Wagon day	%Variation
1990-91	1407		110.5	
1991-92	1439	2.3	113.2	3.5
1992-93	1457	1.2	116.4	2.4
1993-94	1505	3.3	125.0	7.4
1994-95	1590	5.6	138.5	10.8
1995-96	1754	10.3	148.1	6.9

Year	Wagon Turnaround	%Variation
1990-91	11.50	
1991-92	11.10	3.5
1992-93	10.83	2.4
1993-94	10.59	2.2
1994-95	9.89	6.6
1995-96	9.07	8.3

Improvement in wagon utilisation indices after 1993-94 has seen a quantum jump as compared to previous years. Continuous efforts are being made such as improving terminal management seeking cooperation of major users, cutting down avoidable delays and augmenting infrastructure inputs as may be necessary.

[Translation]

Ban on Communal Organisations

4969. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to impose a ban on the communal organisations and political parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to check the communal forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Attention of the State Governments, which are primarily concerned with the maintenance of 'Public Order' is drawn, from time to time, for taking action against persons spreading ill-will, hatred or disharmony between members of different communities as per provisions of various laws. The Central Government have also issued guidelines to the State Governments for promotion of communal harmony. The Central Government also assists the State Governments by sharing the intelligence and providing Central Para-military Forces as per requirement.

Poultry Complex Scheme

4970. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have sent some proposals to the Union Government for clearance under the Poultry Complex Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.